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Claims 1-49 are pending in this matter. By way of the amendment of this date, claims 16-43 have been canceled. In response to the restriction requirement issued August 12, 2004, Applicants elect, without traverse, the invention of Group I, claims 1-15. Favorable consideration of the claims now presented, in view of the remarks and amendments set forth herein, is earnestly solicited.

Applicants also invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this response, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,



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